

In the Specification:

Please make the following changes in the specification:

Page 1, between the title of the invention and the first paragraph, please insert the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE

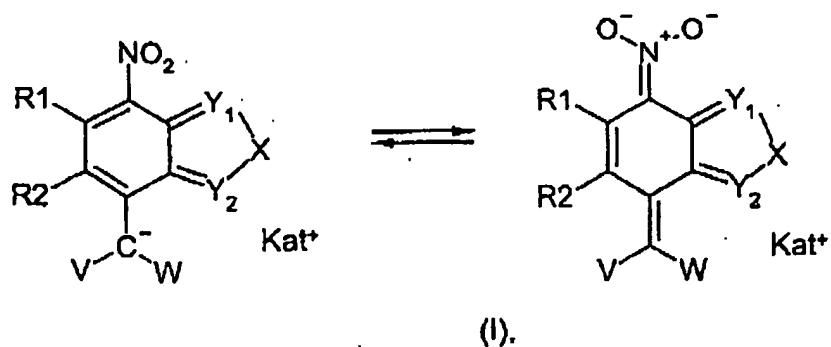
This is a divisional of copending U.S. Patent application, Ser. No. 10/276,410, filed November 12, 2002.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, line 1, to page 3, line 4, the following changes are made in the paragraph between these lines:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The object of the present invention therefore are new 7-nitro-2, 1, 3-benzoxadiazole or 7-nitro-2,1,3-benzthiadiazole compounds of formula 4-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole derivatives and 4-nitro-2,1,3-benzthiadiazole derivatives of the general Formula - (I)



in which

X is oxygen or sulfur

Y₁ and Y₂ may be the same or different and, independently of one another, represent a nitrogen atom or a nitrogen monoxide group (NO);

R₁ and R₂ may be the same or different and, independently of one another, may be hydrogen, a halogen atom (F, Cl, Br, I), a (C₁-C₄) alkyl group, (C₁-C₄) alkyl group substituted with a halogen atom, a (C₁-C₄) alkoxy group, a nitro group or an NR^aR^b group, the R^a and R^b groups being the same or different and, independently of one another, representing hydrogen, a (C₁-C₄) alkyl group, an optionally substituted, aromatic carbocyclic group or a (C₁-C₄) alkane carbonyl group, or R^a and R^b, together with the nitrogen atom, forming a heterocyclic (C₃-C₆) group, such as an imidazolidine, piperidine, pyrrolidine, pyrazolidine, piperazine or morpholine group;

V represents hydrogen, an aliphatic group, an aromatic isoeyclic group, an aromatic heterocyclic group, a cyano group or a carbonyl function (CO)-R³, wherein R³ represents hydrogen, a hydroxy group, a (C₁-C₄) alkoxy group, an amino group, a (C₁-C₄) alkyl amino group, a (C₁-C₆) alkyl group or an aryl group;

W represents a cyano group or a carbonyl function (CO)-R⁴, R⁴ representing hydrogen, a hydroxy group, a (C₁-C₄) alkoxy group, an amino group, a (C₁-C₄) alkyl amino group, a (C₁-C₆) alkyl group or an aryl group, alternatively, V and W can also jointly form an aliphatic or aromatic isoeyclic or heterocyclic ring system; and

Ka⁺ represents an alkali cation, an alkaline earth cation, a quaternary ammonium group, a quaternary phosphonium group or a sulfonium group.

wherein X is oxygen or sulfur;

Y₁ and Y₂ are the same or different and, independently of each other, each represent a nitrogen atom or a nitrogen monoxide group (NO);

R₁ and R₂ are the same or different and, independently of one another, each represent hydrogen, a halogen atom (F, Cl, Br, I), a (C₁-C₄)-alkyl group, a substituted (C₁-C₄)- alkyl group substituted with a halogen atom, a (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy group, a nitro group or an NR^aR^b group, the R^a and R^b are the same or different and, independently of one another, each represent hydrogen, a (C₁-C₄)-alkyl group, an optionally substituted, aromatic carbocyclic group or a (C₁-C₄)-alkane carbonyl group, or

R^a and R^b, together with the nitrogen atom, form a heterocyclic (C₃-C₆)-group, such as an imidazolidino, piperdino, pyrrolidino, pyrazolidino, piperazino or morpholino group;

V represents hydrogen, an aliphatic group, an aromatic isocyclic group, an aromatic heterocyclic group, a cyano group or a carbonyl function (CO)-R₃; wherein R₃ represents hydrogen, a hydroxy group, a (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy group, an amino group, a (C₁-C₄)-alkylamino group, a (C₁-C₆)-alkyl group or an aryl group;

W represents a cyano group or a carbonyl function (CO)-R₄, R₄ representing hydrogen, a hydroxy group, a (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy group, an amino group, a (C₁-C₄)-alkylamino group, a (C₁-C₆)-alkyl group or an aryl group; alternatively, V and W together form an aliphatic or aromatic isocyclic or heterocyclic ring system; and

Kat⁺ represents an alkali cation, an alkaline earth cation, a quaternary ammonium group, a quaternary phosphonium group or a sulfonium group.

Page 9, third paragraph, the following changes are made:

The dyeing agents containing the ~~4-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole derivatives or 4-nitro-2,1,3-benzthiadiazole derivatives of the general Formula~~ 7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole compounds and 7-nitro-2,1,3-benzthiadiazole compounds of formula (I) make possible an outstanding, uniform, intensive dyeing of keratin fibers (particularly human hair) under gentle and skin-compatible conditions. The dyeing is extremely resistant to shampooing light and sweat.